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SUBJ: FINAL AGENDA FOR NATO JOINT COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS

COMMITTEE (NJCEC) PLENARY, NOV 6-7, 1973

REF: A. NAC 2926 DTG 231315Z OCT

B. USNATO 4484 DTG 241745Z SEP 73

SUMMARY: REF A IS FINAL AGENDA FOR NOV 6 AND 7 NJCEC PLENARY.

USNATO COMMENTS ON DRAFT AGENDA WERE SUBMITTED REF B. OUR

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON FINAL AGENDA FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

1. NATO SATCOM PHASE II. ALTHOUGH NEGOTIATION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NATO AND PRIME CONTRACTOR FOR SATCOM GROUND TERMINALS HAS NARROWED, THERE APPEARS TO BE AN IMPASSE PARTICULARLY IN AREA OF PROVISION OF DOCUMENTATION. IT NOW APPEARS THAT THIS AND LESSER  
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DIFFERENCES COULD LEAD TO OFFICIAL DISPUTE, INVOLVING LEGAL ACTION AND EVENTUAL ADJUDICATION IN COURTS.

2. SATCOM CONTINGENCY PLANNING GROUP (SCCPG) REPORT. IT IS

PLANNED THAT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR NATO USE OF USDSCS SATCOM PHASE II WILL BE SIGNED BY GEN BUNTROCK (SHAPE) FOR NATO, SIR PETER ANSON FOR HMG AND GEN GOULD FOR USG DURING COURSE OF MEETING.

3. ITEMS III A. PROJECT PROGRESS REPORTS, B. REPORT ON DIGITALIZATION AND C. REPORT ON CRYPTO EQUIPMENT FOR NICS - NO ADDITION TO OUR COMMENTS CONTAINED REF B.

4. PROVISION OF NICS INTERIM TELEPHONE SWITCHING CAPABILITY. NICSMA IS NO LONGER REFERRING TO PROJECT AS NICS NODAL CONCEPT BUT IS DESCRIBING PROJECT AS PRELIMINARY PROCUREMENT OF ACCESS SWITCHES THAT WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME PART OF NICS. EVIDENTLY, PURPOSE OF CHANGE IS TO OVERCOME ITALIAN OBJECTIONS TO PROCURING INTERIM AUTOMATIC CIRCUIT SWITCHES (NODES). AT RECENT JCEWG MEETING, WE SUGGESTED THAT NICSMA CONSIDER PRESENTING SHORT EXPLANATION OF HOW THESE SWITCHES WOULD BE USED TOGETHER WITH OTHER NICS PROJECTS SCHEDULED FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 1976 TIME FRAME, I.E. CIP-67, TARES, SATCOM PHASE III SYSTEM, SECURE VOICE AND ANY NEW TRANSMISSION FACILITIES. IN EFFECT, THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE FIRST STEP IN COMPLETION OF NICS. THOUGH THIS STEP MAY BE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT THAN THAT CONTEMPLATED AS NICS CONFIGURATION "A", WE POINTED OUT THAT CONFIGURATION "A" WAS ALSO ONLY A STEP IN ARRIVING AT A NICS. WE NOTED THAT THERE MAY BE OTHER CHANGES AS NICSMA DEVELOPS ITS PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR IMPLEMENTING NICS AND ACCORDINGLY SAW NO BENEFIT TO BE GAINED IN INSISTING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF A CONFIGURATION "A". AUTHORITY TO FOLLOW MORE FLEXIBLE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH WOULD ASSIST NICSMA IN MEETING OBJECTIVE OF PROVIDING NATO WITH A RELIABLE, SURVIVABLE, FLEXIBLE AND SECURE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM. DURING DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM AT JCEWG MEETING, ITALIAN REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD SEND TEAM TO NICSMA IN LATE OCT TO STUDY NEW INTERIM TELEPHONE SWITCHING CONCEPT AND AS RESULT ITALY MIGHT BE ABLE TO LIFT RESERVATION ON THIS PROJECT. IF ITALY DOES MAINTAIN ITS RESERVATION, IT IS OUR VIEW, AS REPORTED REF B, THAT NJCEC SHOULD ESCALATE ISSUE TO DPC AND IF NECESSARY, TO DEC DPC MINISTERIAL.

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5. SATCOM PHASE III GROUND TERMINAL. BASED ON NICSMA SURVEY OF NATO INDUSTRY, NICSMA STUDY (D/34) NOTES THAT THERE ARE ONLY MINOR COST DIFFERENCES AND DELIVERY SCHEDULES BETWEEN PROCUREMENT OF STATIC AND SEMI-STATIC SATCOM GROUND TERMINALS. TIME WILL BE SAVED HOWEVER, IF NICSMA IS ALLOWED TO PREPARE RFB BASED ON DETAILED PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS RATHER THAN DETAILED TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS. AS NOTED REF B, IF THIS PROCEDURE IS AGREED, SATCOM PHASE III GROUND TERMINALS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE IN SAME TIME FRAME AS SATCOM PHASE III SPACE SEGMENT.

6. MANAGEMENT OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (O&M) OF NICS. AS REPORTED REF B, WORKING GROUP INCLUDING NATIONAL EXPERTS WILL CONVENE IN BRUSSELS ON NOV 8TH, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING NJCEC

MEETING TO DISCUSS NICSMA WORKING PAPER D/32. VIEWS OF NATIONS DIFFER WIDELY ON ROLE NATIONS SHOULD PLAY IN O&M OF NICS. DURING WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION, WE SUGGEST THAT US MAINTAIN FIRM POSITION THAT NATIONS NOT BE PERMITTED TO WATER DOWN ESSENTIAL CENTRALIZED MANAGEMENT OF O&M. MISSION WOULD BE PLEASED TO PROVIDED PRINCIPAL DELEGATE TO WORKING GROUP, PROVIDED THAT INDIVIDUAL COMPLETELY KNOWLEDGEABLE WITH DCA O&M PROCEDURES IS AVAILABLE FOR BACKUP.

7. ITEMS III G. DEFINITION OF NICS, H. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF NICSMA, I. MARITIME SATCOM PHASE III INTEROPERABILITY AND ITEM IV. POLICY ON USE BY NATIONS OF NATO COMMUNICATIONS - NO ADDITIONS TO OUR COMMENTS INCLUDED IN REF B.

8. FUTURE MEETING OF NJCEC. AT ITS 33RD MEETING HELD IN WASHINGTON ON OCT 9-12, NATO C-E BOARD (NCEB) AGREED TO REDUCE ITS MEETINGS TO TWICE YEARLY, AND BEGINNING IN FALL OF 1974 TO HAVE MEETINGS BACK-TO-BACK WITH THOSE OF NJCEC. THIS ACTION WILL REDUCE FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS (80-90 PERCENT SAME INDIVIDUALS ATTEND BOTH MEETINGS) FROM SIX TO TWO A YEAR. IN OUR VIEW, THIS IS STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION AND CAN LEAD TO COMBINING OF THESE TWO BODIES. NCEB HAD PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED INVITATION TO MEET IN TURKEY FOR ITS FALL 1974 PLENARY. TURKISH REP AT NCEB MEETING IN WASHINGTON OFFERED TO HOST COMBINED NCEB/NJCEC FALL MEETING. WE RECOMMEND WASHINGTON TAKE NEUTRAL POSITION ON WHETHER FALL MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN BRUSSELS OR TURKEY. AS GENERAL RULE HOWEVER, IT IS OUR VIEW THAT MOST MEETINGS SHOULD BE HELD IN BRUSSELS. RUMSFELD  
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